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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1984

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	SEPTEMBER 1984	AUGUST 1984	JULY 1984	SEPTEMBER 1983
Total civilian labor force ^a	12,690	12,665	12,646	12,404
Total civilian employment	11,641	11,697	11,610	11,288
Total unemployment	1,049	968	1,036	1,116
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	8.3	7.6	8.2	9.0
Range ^b	7.7-8.9	7.0-8.2	7.6-8.8	8.4-9.6
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.4	7.5	7.5	9.2
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force ^a	12,678	12,820	12,800	12,374
Total civilian employment	11,723	11,854	11,728	11,347
Total unemployment	955	966	1,072	1,027
Unadjusted rate (percent)	7.5	7.5	8.4	8.3
Range ^b	6.9-8.1	6.9-8.1	7.8-9.0	7.7-8.9

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 1984 increased to 8.3 percent from the 7.6 percent reported in August 1984. Last year, in September, 1983, the rate was 9.0 percent. Two years ago, in September of 1982, the rate was 10.3 percent. The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September decreased slightly to 7.4 percent. In September of 1983 and 1982 the national rates were 9.2 percent and 10.2 percent respectively. During September in California, the total (seasonally adjusted), number of people employed decreased to 11,641,000 while unemployment increased to 1,049,000.

California's total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased to a record high of 10,460,800 during September. With the exception of a small

employment decrease in mining and in manufacturing, all major sectors of the California economy reported increased employment compared to August 1984. Four sectors set record high employment levels. The finance, insurance, and real estate sector added 2,400 jobs to establish record high employment for the eleventh consecutive month. With the addition of 11,800 jobs during September, the service sector reported employment of 2,488,300 for a new record. Record high employment was also reported in both wholesale trade and retail trade. Since September of last year, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 424,500 jobs, reflecting a growth rate of 4.2 percent. Wholesale and retail trade added the largest number of new jobs over the year as employment increased by 166,200. Construction continues to post the largest year-over percentage gain increasing by 9.5 percent.

TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA^{1/}
(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	SEPTEMBER 1984	AUGUST 1984	JULY 1984	SEPTEMBER 1983
Total				
Labor Force	12,678	12,800	12,699	12,374
Employed	11,723	11,728	11,759	11,347
Unemployed	955	1,072	941	1,027
Unemployment Rate	7.5	8.4	7.4	8.3
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,780	6,690	6,686	6,523
Employed	6,302	6,150	6,223	6,041
Unemployed	478	539	462	484
Unemployment Rate	7.0	8.1	6.9	7.4
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,116	5,140	5,139	5,031
Employed	4,791	4,768	4,830	4,660
Unemployed	325	371	309	371
Unemployment Rate	6.4	7.2	6.0	7.4
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force	782	970	873	819
Employed	630	809	704	646
Unemployed	152	161	168	173
Unemployment Rate	19.5	16.6	19.3	21.1
White				
Labor Force	10,726	10,823	10,746	10,545
Employed	9,981	9,988	10,024	9,755
Unemployed	745	835	722	791
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.7	6.7	7.5
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,952	1,976	1,952	1,829
Employed	1,742	1,739	1,734	1,592
Unemployed	210	237	218	237
Unemployment Rate	10.8	12.0	11.2	13.0

^{1/} Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS^{2/} OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING
IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983
California	\$394.36	\$391.02	\$383.51	40.2	39.9	40.2	\$9.81	\$9.80	\$9.54

^{2/} Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR SEPTEMBER 1984
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
— DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY —

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH SEPTEMBER 84	PREVIOUS MONTH AUGUST 84	YEAR AGO SEPTEMBER 83	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,460.8	10,351.2	10,036.3	109.6	424.5	1.1	4.2
Mining	48.2	48.7	47.8	-0.5	0.4	-1.0	0.8
Metal Mining	1.3	1.3	1.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-13.3
Fuel Mining	40.6	41.1	40.0	-0.5	0.6	-1.2	1.5
Nonmetal Mining	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	426.2	423.2	389.2	3.0	37.0	0.7	9.5
General Building Contractors	112.3	112.3	98.1	0.0	14.2	0.0	14.5
Heavy Construction	70.5	69.5	62.1	1.0	8.4	1.4	13.5
Special Trade Contractors	243.4	241.4	229.0	2.0	14.4	0.8	6.3
Manufacturing	2,044.6	2,050.2	1,971.0	-5.6	73.6	-0.3	3.7
Nondurable Goods	648.4	653.7	646.7	-5.3	1.7	-0.8	0.3
Durable Goods	1,396.2	1,396.5	1,324.3	-0.3	71.9	-0.0	5.4
Food and Kindred	196.8	202.6	200.5	-5.8	-3.7	-2.9	-1.8
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	8.1	8.0	9.7	0.1	-1.6	1.2	-16.5
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	72.8	79.8	77.0	-7.0	-4.2	-8.8	-5.5
Other Food and Kindred Products	115.9	114.6	113.8	1.1	2.1	1.0	1.8
Textile Mill Products	13.2	13.0	12.8	0.2	0.4	1.5	3.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	109.4	108.6	104.6	0.8	4.8	0.7	4.6
Paper and Allied Products	36.6	36.9	37.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.8	-1.1
Printing and Publishing	130.4	130.4	126.7	0.0	3.7	0.0	2.9
Chemicals and Allied Products	60.5	60.7	62.0	-0.2	-1.5	-0.3	-2.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	29.9	29.8	31.0	0.1	-1.1	0.3	-3.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	64.2	64.4	63.0	-0.2	1.2	-0.3	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	7.4	7.3	9.1	0.1	-1.7	1.4	-18.7
Lumber & Wood Prod., exc. Furniture	57.7	58.0	54.3	-0.3	3.4	-0.5	6.3
Furniture and Fixtures	57.6	56.8	52.7	0.8	4.9	1.4	9.3
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	51.4	50.4	51.1	1.0	0.3	2.0	0.6
Primary Metal Industries	43.9	44.0	44.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	140.7	141.1	137.6	-0.4	3.1	-0.3	2.3
Machinery except Electrical	231.8	232.8	221.5	-1.0	10.3	-0.4	4.7
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	393.9	393.1	362.4	0.8	31.5	0.2	8.7
Transportation Equipment	275.6	275.5	257.4	0.1	18.2	0.0	7.1
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	33.8	34.0	28.1	-0.2	5.7	-0.6	20.3
Aircraft and Parts	140.7	140.4	135.4	0.3	5.3	0.2	3.9
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	20.6	20.4	17.1	0.2	3.5	1.0	20.5
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	69.8	69.9	66.2	-0.1	3.6	-0.1	5.4
Other Transportation Equipment	10.7	10.8	10.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.9	0.9
Instruments and Related Products	106.0	107.0	104.2	-1.0	1.8	-0.9	1.7
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	37.6	37.8	38.8	-0.2	-1.2	-0.5	-3.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	535.8	532.7	548.1	3.1	-12.3	0.6	-2.2
Transportation	313.5	310.1	296.7	3.4	16.8	1.1	5.7
Railroads	24.9	24.9	24.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.8
Trucking and Warehousing	127.4	126.4	118.9	1.0	8.5	0.8	7.1
Other Transportation	161.2	158.8	153.1	2.4	8.1	1.5	5.3
Communications	144.2	144.5	175.9	-0.3	-31.7	-0.2	-18.0
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	78.1	78.1	75.5	0.0	2.6	0.0	3.4
Wholesale Trade	642.0	637.1	608.7	4.9	33.3	0.8	5.5
Retail Trade	1,881.6	1,865.6	1,748.7	16.0	132.9	0.9	7.6
General Merchandise Stores	235.1	232.1	230.7	3.0	4.4	1.3	1.9
Food Stores	271.6	268.1	256.1	3.5	15.5	1.3	6.1
Other Retail Trade	1,374.9	1,365.4	1,261.9	9.5	113.0	0.7	9.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	684.0	681.6	662.4	2.4	21.6	0.4	3.3
Finance	335.2	335.5	331.3	-0.3	3.9	-0.1	1.2
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	188.1	187.6	183.5	0.5	4.6	0.3	2.5
Real Estate	142.5	140.4	130.0	2.1	12.5	1.5	9.6
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	18.2	18.1	17.6	0.1	0.6	0.6	3.4
Services	2,488.3	2,476.5	2,381.7	11.8	106.6	0.5	4.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	132.6	134.1	124.4	-1.5	8.2	-1.1	6.6
Personal Services	113.6	112.0	101.1	1.6	12.5	1.4	12.4
Business Services	588.0	585.7	530.6	2.3	57.4	0.4	10.8
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	144.4	143.9	138.9	0.5	5.5	0.3	4.0
Motion Pictures	83.1	83.5	84.7	-0.4	-1.6	-0.5	-1.9
Amusement and Recreation Services	115.2	116.2	110.4	-1.0	4.8	-0.9	4.3
Health Services	620.6	619.6	613.8	1.0	6.8	0.2	1.1
Other Services	690.8	681.5	677.8	9.3	13.0	1.4	1.9
Government	1,710.1	1,635.6	1,678.7	74.5	31.4	4.6	1.9
Federal Government	334.7	335.3	327.4	-0.6	7.3	-0.2	2.2
State and Local Governments	1,375.4	1,300.3	1,351.3	75.1	24.1	5.8	1.8
County	224.5	228.0	215.3	-3.5	9.2	-1.5	4.3
City	194.6	204.6	193.1	-10.0	1.5	-4.9	0.8
Education	686.9	597.9	679.8	89.0	7.1	14.9	1.0
Education State	136.9	130.9	132.5	6.0	4.4	4.6	3.3
Education Local	550.0	467.0	547.3	83.0	2.7	17.8	0.5
Other State and Local	269.4	269.8	263.1	-0.4	6.3	-0.1	2.4
Other State	180.4	180.5	175.9	-0.1	4.5	-0.1	2.6
Special District	89.0	89.3	87.2	-0.3	1.8	-0.3	2.1
Total Agriculture	484.1	414.8	480.1	69.3	4.0	16.7	0.8

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
AUGUST 1984

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,819,800	11,853,900	965,900	7.5
Alameda	618,450	579,700	38,750	6.3
Alpine	475	450	25	4.5
Amador	8,300	7,700	600	7.3
Butte	70,400	63,875	6,525	9.3
Calaveras	8,750	7,800	950	10.9
Colusa	9,200	8,500	700	7.6
Contra Costa	365,525	344,225	21,300	5.8
Del Norte	7,050	6,175	875	12.3
El Dorado	40,500	37,375	3,125	7.7
Fresno	333,500	301,800	31,700	9.5
Glenn	11,750	10,225	1,525	13.0
Humboldt	48,375	43,550	4,825	10.0
Imperial	49,000	27,850	21,150	43.2
Inyo	10,300	9,625	675	6.5
Kern	223,800	201,200	22,600	10.1
Kings	32,425	28,750	3,675	11.4
Lake	21,600	19,825	1,775	8.3
Lassen	9,150	8,400	750	8.1
Los Angeles	3,883,000	3,544,000	339,000	8.7
Madera	35,850	32,350	3,500	9.7
Marin	122,450	116,725	5,725	4.7
Mariposa	5,775	5,375	400	7.0
Mendocino	35,250	32,300	2,950	8.4
Merced	77,800	70,850	6,950	8.9
Modoc	5,325	4,950	375	7.2
Mono	5,225	4,625	600	11.5
Monterey	155,200	142,800	12,400	8.0
Napa	43,850	40,650	3,200	7.3
Nevada	24,125	22,075	2,050	8.5
Orange	1,294,400	1,239,300	55,100	4.3
Placer	63,700	59,000	4,700	7.4
Plumas	7,925	7,100	825	10.4
Riverside	286,300	254,800	31,500	11.0
Sacramento	425,000	394,500	30,500	7.2
San Benito	14,925	13,275	1,650	11.0
San Bernardino	372,400	343,900	28,500	7.6
San Diego	901,800	848,300	53,500	5.9
San Francisco	384,350	356,075	28,275	7.4
San Joaquin	187,900	169,800	18,100	9.6
San Luis Obispo	79,900	76,100	3,800	4.7
San Mateo	323,050	308,025	15,025	4.6
Santa Barbara	168,800	159,600	9,200	5.4
Santa Clara	897,800	857,700	40,100	4.5
Santa Cruz	108,600	100,000	8,600	7.9
Shasta	54,475	48,025	6,450	11.8
Sierra	1,150	950	200	17.7
Siskiyou	16,750	14,675	2,075	12.3
Solano	104,575	96,375	8,200	7.9
Sonoma	155,600	145,900	9,700	6.2
Stanislaus	148,300	131,500	16,800	11.3
Sutter	26,525	23,600	2,925	11.0
Tehama	16,750	14,925	1,825	10.9
Trinity	5,575	4,975	600	10.7
Tulare	133,850	118,050	15,800	11.8
Tuolumne	15,650	14,150	1,500	9.6
Ventura	274,900	250,100	24,800	9.0
Yolo	61,200	57,100	4,100	6.8
Yuba	25,300	22,450	2,850	11.3

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.